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In re the Application of:

HIRASE, Masaki et al.

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For. SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE  
SAME

**PRELIMINARY SUBMISSION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: November 12, 2004

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as set forth  
below:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page two of this paper.

Remarks begin on page eight of this paper.